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Gentlemen:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing NEPA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, has completed its review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) prepared by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the US 69/Loop 49 North Lindale Reliever Route. The proposed action is intended to provide relief to the existing US 69 through the city of Lindale and extend a proposed toll facility (Loop 49 West) from IH 20 southwest of Lindale to US 69 north of Lindale.

EPA has rated the DEIS as **LO "Lack of Objections"**. The EPA's Rating System Criteria can be found here: <http://www.epa.gov/oecaerth/nepa/comments/ratings.html>.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review the DEIS. Our classification will be published on the EPA website, <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>, according to our responsibility under Section 309 of the CAA to inform the public of our views on the proposed Federal action. Please send our office one copy of the Final (FEIS). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 214-665-8006 or Michael Jansky of my staff at [jansky.michael@epa.gov](mailto:jansky.michael@epa.gov) or 214-665-7451 for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rhonda Smith", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rhonda Smith  
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Coordination